

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1947.													
April ...	81	59	96	45	76	58	76	95	85	127	113	186	131
May ...	62	88	41	51	61	61	83	43	56	78	101	32	79
June ...	32	38	61	41	44	38	32	63	53	8	56	76	29
July ...	64	135	155	137	122	80	142	171	152	8	17	17	11
August ...	136	94	100	178	117	129	82	96	97	61	35	146	65
September ...	148	168	119	175	147	140	139	126	131	82	48	34	67
October ...	148	161	106	136	136	170	135	115	127	78	70	65	74
November ...	144	192	156	176	165	128	196	156	163	143	150	170	146
December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948.													
January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121
February ...	82	211	252	138	180	74	222	253	222	42	66	99	56
March ...	144	90	21	72	81	136	82	16	48	141	151	36	130
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

It is anticipated that the total production of wool in New South Wales will be approximately 418,000,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war-time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales in year ended June, 1947, was 23'6d. per lb. Comparable average price increased from 32'5d. in September, 1947, to 45d. in February, 1948; the price was 42d. (nominal) in March, 41d. (revised) in April, and 43'5d. in May.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
July ...	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568
August ...	113,506	110,161	66,310	91,158	189,713	178,857	127,655	151,726
September ...	73,356	132,093	206,309	141,592	263,069	310,950	333,964	293,318
October ...	129,588	183,001	209,694	184,962	392,657	493,951	543,658	478,280
November ...	166,656	174,501	128,416	125,808	559,313	668,452	672,074	604,088
December ...	111,713	47,412	67,454	59,723	671,026	715,864	739,528	663,811
January ...	101,888	44,883	22,200	24,206	772,914	760,747	761,728	688,017
February ...	24,884	23,146	17,611	28,046	797,798	783,893	779,339	716,063
March ...	23,799	28,966	23,087	38,706	821,597	812,859	802,426	754,769
April ...	20,854	36,385	31,351	43,359	842,451	849,244	833,777	798,128
May ...	34,419	40,424	52,392	...	876,870	889,668	886,169	...
June ...	41,007	36,141	36,660	...	917,877	925,809	922,829	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13'1
1943-44 ...	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17'6
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6'0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16'6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3'5
1947-48* ...	5,425,000	5,100,000	101,000,000	19'8

*Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Thousand lb.						
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,488	7,557	4,446	6,464
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,030
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	.....
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	.....
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	.....
Ten Months ended April	99,761	81,393	63,958	67,040	52,103	68,114

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.	Last day of Period. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	23rd Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan	
First* ...	31st Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	859†	539
Second ...	28th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	796	918
Third ...	27th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	833	869
Fourth ...	24th April	886	843	782	755	859	804	964
Fifth ...	22nd May	1,003	843	930	791	674	773	.....
Sixth ...	19th June	965	907	866	914	906	990	.....
Seventh ...	17th July	918	899	884	846	798	992	.....
Eighth ...	14th Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	995	.....
Ninth ...	11th Sept.	1,028	938	880	778	911	994	.....
Tenth ...	9th Oct.	984	868	970	842	975	979	.....
Eleventh ...	6th Nov.	973	937	870	759	1,017	1,092	.....
Twelfth ...	4th Dec.	965	939	891	869	976	1,130	.....
Thirteenth ...	31st Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	448*	.....
Year ...		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685	.....
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959	.....
Period of 16 weeks ended—	18th April	17th April	15th April	14th April	13th April	26th April	24th April	
Northern District ...	2,400	2,262	2,078	2,015	2,115	2,210	2,148	
Western District ...	478	454	436	516	486	553	564	
Southern District ...	653	617	448	624	550	529	578	
Total (16 weeks) ...	3,531	3,333	2,962	3,155	3,151	3,292	3,290	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above ...		16	29	145	195	259	380	

*Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1943 to 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks. † Four-weekly periods changed.

SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by *all* local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Sydney and Suburbs.			Remainder of State.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 (a)	10,847	1,725	12,572	4,758	2,904	7,662	15,605	4,629	20,234
1942 (a)	1,446	1,371	2,817	1,079	3,932	5,011	2,525	5,303	7,828
1943 (a)	1,361	3,109	4,470	508	1,574	2,082	1,869	4,683	6,552
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
Mar. Qtr. (b)									
1947 ...	5,195	1,495	6,690	4,884	738	5,622	10,079	2,233	12,312
1948 ...	4,766	1,103	5,869	5,362	1,078	6,440	10,128	2,181	12,309
Month (b)									
1947—Feb.	1,613	371	1,984	1,711	228	1,939	3,324	599	3,923
Mar.	1,772	487	2,259	1,874	232	2,106	3,646	719	4,365
Apl.	1,658	330	1,988	1,602	160	1,762	3,260	490	3,750
1948—Feb.	1,499	379	1,878	1,893	367	2,260	3,392	746	4,138
Mar.	1,970	450	2,420	1,940	495	2,435	3,910	945	4,855
Apl.	1,799	846	2,645	*	364	*	*	1,210	*

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

* Not yet available.

7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.				Country.	Total, New South Wales.
	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	1,886	10,334	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a)	1,534	10,184	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a)	552	10,295	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a)	271	1,175	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a)	249	1,112	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	332	1,271	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	264	5,007	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	1,213	16,857	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	1,315	18,937	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	1,315	18,937	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
Mar. Qtr. (b)						
1947 ...	337	4,858	1,814	7,009	3,070	10,079
1948 ...	248	4,518	2,095	6,861	3,267	10,128
Month (b)						
1947—Feb.	77	1,536	623	2,236	1,088	3,324
Mar.	97	1,675	686	2,458	1,188	3,646
Apl.	83	1,575	610	2,268	992	3,260
1948—Feb.	79	1,420	754	2,253	1,139	3,392
Mar.	135	1,835	728	2,698	1,212	3,910
Apl.	29	1,770	940	2,739	*	*

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

* Not yet available.

8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats. (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>								
Year, 1946 ...	14,387	681	200	111	501	3,942	2,042	21,864
" 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
Month								
1947—Jan. ...	1,212	116	15	6	12	852	234	2,447
Feb. ...	1,254	63	6	20	20	315	306	1,984
Mar. ...	1,393	79	16	15	25	354	407	2,259
April ...	1,417	122	17	11	21	246	154	1,988
1948—Jan. ...	983	183	1	12	4	229	159	1,571
Feb. ...	1,310	134	1	10	4	237	182	1,878
Mar. ...	1,666	120	...	63	6	378	187	2,420
April ...	1,663	104	1	16	11	469	381	2,654
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	12,606	170	231	243	231	638	2,038	16,157
" 1947 (a) ...	16,127	247	292	224	310	738	1,681	19,619
" 1947 (b) ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
Month (b)								
1947—Jan. ...	1,211	23	3	44	32	38	226	1,577
Feb. ...	1,490	19	35	15	64	132	184	1,939
Mar. ...	1,796	31	50	29	49	31	120	2,106
1948—Jan. ...	1,496	25	1	23	18	55	127	1,745
Feb. ...	1,938	34	21	29	3	37	198	2,260
Mar. ...	1,945	60	1	5	12	61	351	2,435
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	26,993	851	431	354	732	4,580	4,080	38,021
" 1947 (a) ...	32,650	1,620	459	387	494	4,209	4,351	44,170
" 1947 (b) ...	37,039	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
Month (b)								
1947—Jan. ...	2,423	139	18	50	44	890	460	4,024
Feb. ...	2,744	82	41	35	84	447	490	3,923
Mar. ...	3,159	110	66	44	74	385	527	4,305
1948—Jan. ...	2,479	208	2	35	22	284	286	3,316
Feb. ...	3,248	168	22	39	7	274	380	4,138
Mar. ...	3,611	180	1	68	18	439	538	4,855

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Governmental, including owner-built houses, but excluding new houses on farms and military huts converted.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946—Sept. Qtr. ...	5,002	2,600*	1,650*	7,530	4,705	2,719
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,229	2,675*	2,150*	6,493	4,208	3,437
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640

* Exclusive of flats.

" Authorised " means permits issued for private houses plus contracts let for Governmental houses.

At end of March, 1948, there were 19,221 dwellings in houses and flats " remaining uncompleted " in N.S.W.

SECTION C.—TRADE.

10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Million £									
Year.	200'29	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	...
January ...	13'24	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22
February ...	16'54	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33
March ...	15'78	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20
April ...	15'79	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32	...
May ...	17'46	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	...
June ...	14'88	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98	...
July ...	15'28	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	...
August ...	16'81	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	...
September ...	19'44	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	...
October ...	19'22	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	...
November ...	17'53	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	24'65	32'66	...
December...	18'32	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15	...

11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	+ 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1947.								
March	26	26	+ 15'7	+ 37'6	+ 29'3	+ 11'9	+ 14'9	+ 30'6
April	22	22	+ 12'8	+ 38'6	+ 19'7	+ 9'6	+ 13'6	+ 25'5
May	27	27	+ 9'8	+ 40'6	+ 19'4	+ 8'0	+ 12'7	+ 22'7
June	23	24	+ 38'2	+ 34'8	+ 15'8	+ 7'7	+ 19'0	+ 18'3
July	27	27	+ 12'0	+ 29'2	+ 20'1	+ 8'1	+ 19'0	+ 18'5
August	27	26	+ 16'9	+ 33'4	+ 14'0	+ 6'6	+ 21'8	+ 16'6
September ...	25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28'5	+ 21'8	+ 6'5	+ 23'6	+ 18'5
October	26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17'5	+ 7'4	+ 26'6	+ 17'7
November ...	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7
December ...	24	24	+ 18'8	+ 26'2	+ 22'1	+ 5'1	+ 17'1	+ 20'0
1948.								
January	25	25	+ 23'8	+ 24'1	+ 16'9	+ 6'3	+ 16'7	+ 19'7
February	24	24	+ 15'0	+ 23'5	+ 25'0	+ 8'6	+ 19'1	+ 21'3
March	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 29'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

12. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of April.			Ten Months ended 30th April.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,664,163	2,129,018	535,145	25,956,486	20,249,599	5,706,887
1947 ...	2,482,789	2,108,907	373,882	25,436,164	20,696,956	4,739,208
1948 ...	3,203,327	2,628,468	574,859	30,398,662	24,856,529	5,542,133

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,857,000 in year 1946-47.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of April.		Ten Months ended 30th April.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1946 ...	1,323	25,409	12,939	222,143
1947 ...	1,316	22,017	13,779	216,317
1948 ...	1,553	22,913	14,546	219,557

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
Month of April	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	454,300	445,000	9,300	47,700	46,200	1,500
1947 ...	484,000	486,600	(-) 2,600	48,800	48,600	200
1948 ...	604,400	627,200	(-) 22,800	61,700	66,600	(-) 4,900
Ten months ended 30th April—						
1946 ...	4,485,100	4,357,500	127,600	469,200	437,700	31,500
1947 ...	4,600,700	4,619,000	(-) 18,300	493,400	489,900	3,500
1948 ...	5,953,900	5,866,300	87,600	621,300	617,800	3,500

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47.

Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July, 1947.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.		1948.		
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	30th April.	31st October.	29th February.	31st March.	30th April.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	197,729	203,740	207,727	208,854	210,399
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	111,168	118,825	123,463	124,383	125,399
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,282	2,653	2,960	3,061	3,190
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	18,977	20,422	21,835	22,278	22,825
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	5,778	6,107	6,364	6,440	6,502
Omnibuses† ...	794	890	1,039	1,133	1,290	1,360	1,380	1,409
Taxi-cabs† ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,403	1,518	1,598	1,613	1,615
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,128	1,258	1,310	1,331	1,362
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	14,309	16,116	17,669	17,886	18,086
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	353,907	371,929	384,286	387,226	390,787

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month—								
1947-April ...	775	484	29	204	8	...	226	1,726
August ...	1,104	691	27	234	35	11	164	2,266
September.	1,320	873	39	213	40	11	242	2,738
October ...	1,451	817	56	417	39	15	269	3,064
November.	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
December..	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158
1948- January ...	871	510	30	361	22	9	405	2,208
February ..	1,265	662	42	413	4	10	198	2,594
March ...	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	221	2,922
April ...	1,776	724	57	546	26	5	222	3,356

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
February ...	427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	702,658
March ...	427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	702,890
April ...	428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	710,944
May ...	431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	...
June ...	433,029	572,697	575,864	679,505	...
July ...	433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	...
August ...	431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	...
September ...	432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	...
October ...	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	...
November ...	440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	...
December ...	441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	...

SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	84'23	95'85	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	24'18	30'47
Sales	31'24	28'44	Widows' Pensions ...	2'77	3'26
Income	140'32	153'18	Child Endowment ...	16'33	15'75
Payroll	11'19	13'49	Other	7'55	7'40
Estate	3'15	3'65	Payments to States ...	16'82	17'15
Entertainments ...	4'28	4'32	Tax Reimbursed to States	28.88	32'62
Other	2'78	2'70	Post Office	18'47	23'72
			Other	70'11	76'74
Total Taxes	277'19	301'63	Defence and Post War ...	152'76	129'73
Post Office	24'61	26'01			
Other	23'86	17'49			
Total Revenue ...	325'66	345'13	Total Expenditure ...	337'87	336'84

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the ten months ended April, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £8,865,000 in 1947, and £10,040,000 in 1948; and Contribution under International Monetary Agreements Act, £10,192,000 in 1948.

17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	2,431	2,431	ing Fund	13,477	13,762
Reimbursement of Taxes...	12,083	13,599	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	816	982	Activities	1,462	1,432
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	4,739	5,779			
Other Taxes	1,038	1,305	Net Debt Charges ...	12,015	12,330
Land	1,350	2,131	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	1,269	1,460	Governmental	21,387	25,247
Other	3,262	3,480	Business Undertakings ...	26,814	32,393
Total Governmental	26,988	31,167			
Business Undertakings ...	32,484	38,051			
Total Revenue ...	59,472	69,218	Total Expenditure ...	60,216	69,970

Loan expenditure on works and services during the ten months ended April, was gross £12,053,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £11,133,000 in 1948, compared with gross £6,068,000 and net £5,827,000 in 1947.

18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets *in Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1947 " ...	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1947—January ...	641.9	46.6	28.5	86.3	267.8	263.6
February ...	650.4	41.8	36.4	84.3	271.6	264.7
March ...	656.2	38.6	38.2	82.7	276.1	268.1
April ...	659.0	36.3	29.1	81.6	280.1	278.5
1948—January ...	673.2	45.5	16.9	59.9	264.1	336.7
February ...	686.6	43.5	21.4	59.1	269.4	337.2
March ...	705.6	49.4	26.4	59.1	275.2	333.7
April ...	709.5	49.8	31.3	59.1	280.5	338.1

* Excluding London Funds.

19. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2
1946—March ...	79.4	197.1	280.2	105.7	217.6	480.0	707.4	248.5
April ...	78.8	198.3	280.4	106.9	215.1	483.2	707.9	254.6
June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6
December ...	77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204.7	492.4	708.4	303.5
1947—March ...	75.2	212.3	289.8	136.5	202.5	517.9	731.5	312.8
April ...	73.9	215.3	291.6	140.9	201.0	523.2	735.9	324.0
June ...	71.5	212.5	286.8	144.8	199.0	511.5	722.7	336.0
September ...	72.8	207.2	283.1	157.1	200.2	500.2	710.0	362.9
December ...	71.3	219.1	293.3	169.4	197.9	534.2	742.6	385.6
1948—January ...	70.7	221.0	294.2	180.2	197.1	539.2	746.6	397.0
February ...	69.8	228.6	300.7	179.8	196.1	557.1	763.0	396.7
March ...	69.3	235.5	307.6	179.1	196.9	579.2	785.2	395.1
April ...	69.4	239.9	312.0	180.5	197.2	584.0	790.4	401.3

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1936 ...	80,000	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1937 ...	81,952	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1938 ...	86,016	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712
1939 ...	87,474	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788
1940 ...	82,111	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	...
1941 ...	87,750	June†	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	...
1942 ...	94,538	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	...
1943 ...	122,405	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	...
1944 ...	162,867	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	...
1945 ...	198,203	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	...
1946 ...	236,242	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	...
1947 ...	231,368	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	...

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £25,491,934 at 30th April, 1948, including £102,135 net receipts in April.

21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	154	196	236
February ...	75.5	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	96	139	147	149	157	194	231
March ...	80.5	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	93	138	146	145	164	193	230
April ...	70.7	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	98	150	150	154	176	218	253
May ...	82.0	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	...	100	155	158	160	184	229	...
June ...	80.3	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	...	101	163	166	169	195	236	...
July ...	71.2	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	...	98	155	168	167	206	229	...
August ...	74.9	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	...	99	160	169	168	214	227	...
September ...	74.9	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	...	99	155	163	166	217	232	...
October ...	78.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	...	100	152	159	166	216	234	...
November ...	86.1	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	...	102	149	153	164	211	243	...
December ...	91.7	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	...	106	150	152	159	208	243	...
Year ...	932.3	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	...	100	151	156	160	196	226	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
Year 1939	50,520	£18,179,537	156,787	£7,539,660	£25,719,197
1944	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1947—October ...	7,415	3,395,404	10,293	940,531	4,335,935
November ...	7,730	3,422,010	9,998	936,208	4,358,218
December ...	10,250	5,183,406	7,949	717,583	5,900,989
1948—January ...	4,055	1,872,270	4,867	462,218	2,334,488
February ...	5,915	2,809,260	9,819	969,042	3,778,302
March ...	6,738	3,145,331	12,593	1,162,297	4,307,628

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year	£2,799,175	£788,685	£1,452,174	£5,040,034
October ...	260,288	69,382	69,506	399,176
November ...	201,670	72,902	97,774	372,346
December ...	315,365	63,619	291,310	670,294
1948—January ...	721,307	52,423	177,059	950,789
February ...	345,122	63,915	223,013	632,050
March ...	451,649	69,132	213,530	734,311

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept.	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar.	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1947—May ...	329.2	314.8	196.9	172.6	391.7	257.1	272.4
Aug. ...	325.0	304.9	190.4	164.6	406.8	252.6	264.1
Sept. ...	332.1	306.4	187.9	168.8	399.6	253.5	264.5
Oct. ...	341.2	311.6	188.1	173.9	399.1	258.8	270.9
Nov. ...	347.3	318.2	190.7	179.8	399.2	264.4	276.4
Dec. ...	355.4	318.8	189.8	183.4	404.4	268.7	280.4
1948—Jan. ...	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283.7
Feb. ...	358.1	311.2	180.5	189.0	404.8	268.6	280.3
Mar. ...	345.3	305.6	179.7	173.7	401.6	260.5	268.4
April ...	350.9	308.6	178.0	176.1	399.7	261.8	272.3
May ...	359.1	315.1	178.4	186.7	403.5	265.9	277.1

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. ‡ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—			
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.		At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	...	...
			2 years.	7 years.		
1941	5'5	4'9	2'42	2'87	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'39	2'89	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'43	2'72	2'48	3'23
1944	5'0	4'4	2'30	2'60	2'45	3'24
1945	4'8	4'4	2'27	2'57	2'47	3'25
1946	4'5	4'3	1'99	2'64	1'90	3'24
1947	4'4	4'3	2'23	2'69	2'12	3'17
Months—						
1947—April ...	4'5	4'3	2'02	2'83	1'92	3'16
June	4'5	4'3	2'16	2'59	1'92	3'15
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'44	2'67	2'28	3'17
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'51	2'77	2'46	3'17
1948—January ...	4'4	4'2	2'50	2'81	2'49	3'17
February ...	4'4	4'2	2'54	2'70	2'46	3'18
March	4'4	4'3	§	§	2'40	3'16
April	4'4	4'3	§	§	2'38	3'16

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Series discontinued.

26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939†.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	1,591	383	608	1,078	1,858	3,671
February ...	2,438	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	1,841	611	593	1,179	2,031	2,400
March ...	3,623	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	2,225	663	688	1,047	2,005	2,441
April ...	2,245	931	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,243	2,025	302	526	1,431	1,674	2,551
May ...	3,090	1,307	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	2,112	495	606	1,641	2,299	...
June ...	2,613	1,809	2,373	3,593	4,617	...	1,658	687	864	1,708	2,079	...
July ...	2,919	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,335	...	1,950	543	902	1,622	2,484	...
August ...	3,068	2,241	2,238	5,670	5,346	...	2,770	723	861	2,352	2,085	...
September ...	2,934	1,772	2,684	6,440	4,988	...	1,501	597	1,005	2,328	2,378	...
October ...	2,330	1,654	3,260	5,826	4,843	...	1,713	634	1,128	2,161	2,641	...
November ...	2,381	1,899	3,106	5,180	4,978	...	1,702	529	1,072	2,163	2,238	...
December ...	2,067	1,708	2,195	4,105	5,061	...	1,344	699	899	2,473	2,220	...
Year ...	32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224	...	22,444	6,866	9,752	21,183	25,992	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

† Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of April.			Four Months ended 30th April.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946	35,540	151,144	58,110	208,856	567,895	316,291
1947	73,126	204,632	129,848	433,653	642,589	394,328
1948	26,093	182,113	173,758	90,045	696,625	704,381

See note under Table 26.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION F.—GENERAL.

28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
	(a)	(b)	(b)							
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·5	380·7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	130·5	393·4	529·9	...	158·8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0
1947—April....	176·4	488·4	664·8	26·2	250·0	53·0	102·1	45·6	55·7	62·3
May ...	177·4	490·6	668·0	26·4	250·8	55·1	102·0	45·7	56·1	62·5
June ...	178·2	493·6	671·8	26·6	252·1	55·7	102·8	46·4	56·4	62·4
July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	254·8	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9
Aug. ...	179·6	499·8	679·4	26·8	256·3	56·8	102·8	46·9	56·7	63·5
Sept. ...	180·4	503·0	683·4	27·2	257·1	57·4	103·7	47·5	57·2	63·5
Oct. ...	180·6	505·8	686·4	27·1	257·7	57·5	104·9	48·1	57·4	63·8
Nov. ...	180·6	507·3	687·9	27·1	257·7	57·5	104·4	49·0	58·0	63·9
Dec. ...	181·7	506·9	688·6	27·3	256·8	57·0	103·6	50·3	58·8	64·5
1948—Jan. ...	182·2	507·5	689·7	27·3	258·0	57·5	104·4	48·9	58·9	64·7
Feb. ...	182·9	511·0	693·9	27·6	259·3	58·1	105·3	48·6	58·6	65·2
Mar. ...	183·6	512·2	695·8	27·8	259·1	59·0	105·8	49·0	59·1	64·9
April....	185·3	513·9	699·2	27·8	260·3	59·3	107·3	49·2	59·8	64·4
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	...	59·3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·9	39·2	21·1	73·3
1947—April....	32·0	219·1	251·1	0·2	86·6	0·9	12·7	40·6	22·0	77·3
May ...	32·1	219·4	251·5	0·2	86·5	1·1	12·7	40·7	22·1	77·0
June ...	32·3	219·8	252·1	0·2	86·5	1·0	12·8	40·7	22·2	77·1
July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	87·0	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3	77·1
Aug. ...	32·6	222·8	255·4	0·2	87·6	1·0	13·0	41·0	22·7	78·3
Sept. ...	32·6	224·1	256·7	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·1	41·5	23·0	78·5
Oct. ...	32·7	225·6	258·3	0·2	88·5	1·0	13·2	41·8	23·2	78·8
Nov. ...	32·6	228·1	260·7	0·2	88·9	1·0	13·2	43·4	23·3	79·3
Dec. ...	32·6	228·2	260·8	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·3	44·3	23·4	78·8
1948—Jan. ...	32·9	224·5	257·4	0·2	86·7	1·0	13·4	43·0	23·0	78·6
Feb. ...	33·3	225·9	259·2	0·3	87·6	1·0	13·5	42·6	23·3	79·3
Mar. ...	33·4	226·7	260·1	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·5	42·5	23·6	79·0
April....	33·2	226·4	259·6	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·2	42·7	23·4	79·6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·5	506·5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	...	218·1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3
1947—April....	208·4	707·5	915·9	26·4	336·6	53·9	114·8	86·2	77·7	139·6
May ...	209·5	710·0	919·5	26·6	337·3	56·2	114·7	86·4	78·2	139·5
June ...	210·5	713·4	923·9	26·8	338·6	56·7	115·6	87·1	78·6	139·5
July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	341·8	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0
Aug. ...	212·2	722·6	934·8	27·0	343·9	57·8	115·8	87·9	79·4	141·8
Sept. ...	213·0	727·1	940·1	27·4	345·1	58·4	116·8	89·0	80·2	142·0
Oct. ...	213·3	731·4	944·7	27·3	346·2	58·5	118·1	89·9	80·6	142·6
Nov. ...	213·2	735·4	948·6	27·3	346·6	58·5	117·6	92·4	81·3	143·2
Dec. ...	214·3	735·1	949·4	27·5	345·2	58·0	116·9	94·6	82·2	143·3
1948—Jan. ...	215·1	732·0	947·1	27·5	344·7	58·5	117·8	91·9	81·9	143·3
Feb. ...	216·2	736·9	953·1	27·9	346·9	59·1	118·8	91·2	81·9	144·5
Mar. ...	217·0	738·9	955·9	28·0	347·5	60·0	119·3	91·5	82·7	143·9
April....	218·5	740·3	958·8	28·0	348·3	60·3	120·5	91·9	83·2	144·0

- (a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments,
 (b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1947, subject to revision.
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	212
April... ..	100	104	96	110	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	218
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	502	12 2	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February ...	4	3.42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March ...	4	6.44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April ...	4	4.98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May ...	4	3.04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June ...	3	11.75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8.90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9.40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September...	4	1.07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8.56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3

31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
† 1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	...	...	113 0	115 0	...	...

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Census 30th June, 1947:—New South Wales, Males, 1,492,211; Females, 1,492,627; Total, 2,984,838—or 39'4 per cent. of population of Australia; Sydney and Suburbs, 1,484,004.

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